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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the 1995 annual session of the Executive Board
to be held at United Nations Headquarters from
22 to 26 May 1995

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The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the 1995 annual session of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session: statements of the President of the Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[FOR ACTION]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, as well as with the guidance received from the Bureau at its meetings held during the second regular session of 1995 and on 30 March 1995. It has been shared with Board members (EB/1995/026).

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part I and Part II)
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/14 (Part I and Part II)]

The report of the Executive Director is presented in three parts. Part I summarizes the issues to which the Executive Director wishes to direct the special attention of members of the Executive Board. Part II presents an overview of developments in UNICEF programmes and operations in 1994, and in response to a number of Board decisions, reports, inter alia, on activities in the following areas: family planning (decision 1993/11); developments in external relations; progress towards universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (decision 1993/13); reaching the poorest (decision 1991/6); the Children's Vaccine Initiative (decision 1992/5); HIV/AIDS prevention (decision 1992/5); and strengthening national capacities (decision 1992/23).

This report is to be considered in conjunction with agenda item 4.

In view of the limited time available at the present session, general statements in this cluster of items should be limited to seven (7) minutes. In this connection, on the guidance of the Bureau, the secretariat is arranging to install an appropriate light mechanism to assist each speaker to remain within this time-limit.

4. Follow-up to the World Summit for Children
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/15]

As requested by the Executive Board in decision 1992/5 and subsequent decisions, this report is presented on an annual basis. It summarizes the state of progress towards both the decade and mid-decade goals and reviews the status of national programmes of action and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It also provides information on international, regional, national and other follow-up activities to the World Summit. The Board is requested to adopt the draft recommendation on the mid-decade progress review called for by the World Summit Plan of Action.

As noted above, this report is to be considered in conjunction with agenda item 3.

5. Annual report to ECOSOC (Report of the Executive Director (Part III))
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/14 (Part III)]

As decided by the Executive Board at its first regular session (decision 1995/5), this part of the Executive Director's report to the Board will be the report to the Economic and Social Council. The same decision also specified the format and content of the report, i.e., that the report should contain two sections, namely a section on the triennial policy review of operational activities (see 5 (a) below) and a section on the designated theme(s) for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the Council (see 5 (b) below), and that the two sections should be considered as distinct agenda items.

(a) Follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 47/199

This section of the Executive Director's report outlines measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations development system as mandated by General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 and resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992. The Board may wish to discuss ways for UNICEF to proceed with further implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions.

(b) Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development

Decision 1995/5 also mandated that this report to ECOSOC would include a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the the designated theme(s) for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment. In 1995, implementation of the programme of action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) is designated as a principal theme, and the Board may wish to discuss ways for UNICEF to implement, within its mandate, its Programme of Action.

The Board may recall that, as decided at the second regular session of 1995 (decision 1995/11), the secretariat will submit to the Board at its third regular session of 1995 a revised version of document E/ICEF/1995/12 and Corr.1 on UNICEF follow-up to ICPD, taking into account the comments made by Board members at the second regular session.

(c) Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development

At its third regular session of 1994, the Executive Board decided to include an agenda item on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) for discussion at the 1995 annual session (decision 1994/R.3/9). The relevant report is contained in document E/ICEF/1995/19. The Executive Board may wish to discuss ways for UNICEF to implement, within its mandate, the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the Social Summit. This subject was also mentioned in decision 1995/5 as being worthy of consideration in the section in the Executive Director's report on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme(s) for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment.

6. UNICEF strategies in basic education
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/16]

At the 1993 regular session of the Executive Board, a number of delegations expressed interest in a review paper on the UNICEF policy in basic education (E/ICEF/1993/14, paragraph 110). At its third regular session of 1994, the Board decided to add the discussion of such a policy review paper to the agenda of the 1995 annual session (decision 1994/R.3/9) The report details the framework for UNICEF education programmes, including the scope, objectives, areas of action and strategies. The Executive Board is requested to adopt the draft recommendation on UNICEF strategies in basic education contained in the report.

7. Administrative and programme support baseline budget
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.5]

At its first regular session of 1995, the Executive Board decided to postpone the preparation of the administrative and programme support budget for the biennium 1996-1997 pending its decision on implementation of the management review of UNICEF, and agreed that the secretariat should submit a budget for the period 1996-1997 using the 1994-1995 budget as a baseline (decision 1995/6). The decision further states that the Board may consider, as necessary, budget revisions submitted by the secretariat during the remainder of 1995 and in 1996 and 1997. The Executive Board is requested to approve the administrative and programme support baseline budget estimates for the 1996-1997 biennium.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the administrative and programme support baseline budget estimates for the biennium 1996-1997 (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.12).

8. Global funds programme baseline budget recommendation
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.10]

At its first regular session of 1995, the Executive Board decided to postpone the preparation of the global funds budgets for the biennium 1996-1997 pending its decision on implementation of the management review of UNICEF, and agreed that the secretariat should submit a budget for the period 1996-1997 using the 1994-1995 global funds budgets as a baseline (decision 1995/6). The decision further states that the Board may consider, as necessary, budget revisions submitted by the secretariat during the remainder of 1995 and in 1996 and 1997. The Executive Board is requested to approve the global funds programme budget recommendation for the 1996-1997 biennium.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of ACABQ on the global funds programme baseline budget recommendation for the biennium 1996-1997 (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.12).

9. Greeting Card and related Operations (GCO)

(a) GCO work plan and proposed budget
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.8]

The Board will have before it the GCO work plan and proposed budget for the 1995 season (fiscal year 1 May 1995 to 30 April 1996), including key tables comparing the future year's budget with the latest provisional results, as requested by the Board at its 1994 annual session (decision 1994/A/9). As decided by the Board at its third regular session of 1994 (decision 1994/R.3/2), the issue of a review of that part of GCO located in Manhattan will be reconsidered "after completion of the management review, with due regard for the full range of options and considerations".

(b) Review of GCO budget cycle
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.9]

In the GCO work plan and proposed budget for 1994 (E/ICEF/1994/AB/L.6), the Executive Director requested the Executive Board to review the possibility of harmonizing the GCO fiscal year (1 May-31 April) with all other divisions of UNICEF (1 January-31 December). The Executive Board, following deliberations at its second regular session of 1994, requested GCO to "review the issue further in conjunction with the timing of Executive Board sessions and the impact of more provisional results becoming the basis for the GCO year-end closure, and present its findings to the Board at a future session" (E/ICEF/1994/13, paragraph 246). The Executive Board is requested to adopt the draft recommendation on the harmonization of the fiscal year of GCO with other divisions of UNICEF contained in the report.

(c) GCO provisional report for the 1994 season
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.7]

The Board will have before it for review and noting the provisional report for the 1994 season, 1 May 1994-30 April 1995;

(d) GCO financial report and accounts for the 1993 season
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.6]

The Board will have before it for review and noting the financial report for the 1993 season, 1 May 1993-30 April 1994.

10. Health strategy for UNICEF
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/11]

Consideration of this policy review paper was deferred from the second regular session of 1995 on the advice of the Board at the pre-session briefing held prior to that session as the secretariat informed that the document would not be available in languages.

The report has been prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1992/22 (E/ICEF/1992/14), which requested UNICEF to elaborate further on its health strategy in the context of community-focused health sector development. It also responds to guidance provided by delegations following review of an initial report that was

submitted to the third regular session of 1994, follows a process of consultation with countries and major international partners of UNICEF in health, and reflects the findings of the 1992 multi-donor evaluation of UNICEF in the health and nutrition sectors. The Executive Board is requested to adopt the draft recommendation on the health strategy for UNICEF contained in the report.

Board members may recall that the report has been shared with members of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health policy, and it is planned to incorporate their written comments, once received, in a document for Board review.

11. Ensuring child survival, protection and development in Africa
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/18]

This report is presented to the Executive Board on an annual basis in accordance with decision 1992/5 and subsequent decisions, particularly decision 1994/A/3, adopted by the Board at the 1994 annual session. In the latter decision, the Board reconfirmed its commitment to Africa as the region of greatest need and highest priority as well as its commitment to assist countries in Africa to fulfil the human development goals of the 1990s.

12. Management review: issues concerning the UNICEF mission
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.11]

In decision 1995/12 adopted at the second regular session of 1995, the Board decided to consider the question of the UNICEF mission, including emergencies, at its 1995 annual session. To facilitate discussions, the secretariat has submitted a report on the issues concerning the UNICEF mission. The same decision also requests the secretariat to elaborate further, taking into account the points of view expressed by members of the Executive Board, the work plan for management reform activities as contained in document E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.4 (submitted to the second regular session of 1995)) and to submit it to the Board for information and guidance. This will be contained in document E/ICEF/1995/CRP.24.

The Board may recall that it considered, at its first regular session of 1995, the executive summary of the management review of UNICEF conducted by the firm of Booz•Allen and Hamilton (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.1). The report of ACABQ on that review (E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.12) will be before the Board for its consideration.

13. Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/P/L.15, 25, 28, 30 and 31]
[FOR INFORMATION - E/ICEF/1995/P/L.2 and 40]

The Board decided at its second regular session of 1995 (decision 1995/9) to defer consideration and approval of 21 programme recommendations (contained in the above-mentioned five documents) until the annual session because they were not available in languages. They include: (a) Chad; (b) Central Asian republics and Kazakhstan: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and CARK area recommendation; (c) West and Central Africa region: Cameroon, Gabon, Guinea, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Zaire; (d) Middle East and North Africa region: Algeria, Oman, Sudan and the Palestinian children in Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the West Bank and Gaza; and (e) Central and Eastern Europe region: Moldova and Turkey.

The Board also will have before it for review the regional report on programme development in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States, which was not available for consideration at the second regular session of 1995.

It was agreed that consideration of the review paper on UNICEF assistance to Palestinian children and women would be deferred from the second regular session of 1995 to the present session, and the secretariat will make an in-depth presentation on its activities to benefit Palestinian children and women. The secretariat also will make an in-depth presentation on UNICEF activities in the Central Asian republics.

14. UNICEF strategies in water and environmental sanitation
[FOR ACTION - E/ICEF/1995/17]

At the 1994 annual Board session, the secretariat proposed that a sectoral strategy paper be prepared on water and environmental sanitation for Board review and approval (E/ICEF/1994/13, paragraph 315). At its third regular session of 1994, the Board decided to add the discussion of such a policy review paper to the agenda of the 1995 annual session (decision 1994/R.3/9). The report details the strategies to be followed by UNICEF in assisting Governments and communities to achieve their goals in water and environmental sanitation, building upon the lessons learned and experiences of the past while responding to changing needs and challenges. It also provides an overall framework for country programming which countries can adapt to their particular situations. The Executive Board is requested to adopt the draft recommendation on UNICEF strategies on water and environmental sanitation contained in the report.

15. Consultations on and adoption of decisions

In order to facilitate the decision-making process, time is allocated with full interpretation and other services when the Board will have the opportunity to consult, as required, on the various draft decisions.

16. Other business

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will elect the members and alternates to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for the 1995-1996 biennium from the Latin American and Caribbean group of States, which was deferred from the first and second regular sessions of 1995.

The Board also will have before it for information the text of the new Recognition and Cooperation Agreement between UNICEF and its National Committees as contained in document E/ICEF/1995/CRP.25.

The list of all international Professional core staff, as well as all international Professional staff, holding a fixed-term appointment of one year or more with UNICEF as of 1 January 1995 (E/ICEF/1995/CRP.23) also will be available for Board members.

17. Concluding remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE 1995 ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 22-26 MAY 1995*

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WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY**	a.m.	Item 10	Health strategy for UNICEF
	p.m. (two meetings)	Item 11	Ensuring child survival, protection and development in Africa
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		Item 13	Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews
THURSDAY, 25 MAY	a.m.	Item 12	Continuation
	p.m.	Item 14	UNICEF strategies in water and environmental sanitation
FRIDAY, 26 MAY**	a.m.	Items 6, 10, 14	Consultations on decisions on policy/strategy papers
	p.m. (two meetings)	Item 15	Consultations on and adoption of decisions
		Item 16	Other business
		Item 17	Concluding remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Board

* If required, there is also the possibility of two meetings on Saturday, 27 May.

** Indicates evening meetings, 6-9 p.m. Interpretation services for all languages will be on an "as available" basis.